Non-utilization of funds for modernization of para-military forces

1144. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:' Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of Rs. 3740 crore allotted for modernization of six para-military forces, half the amount could be spent during 2002-07, thereby adversely affecting security of the nation;

(b) if so, whether the combat capability of our para-military forces, who are mostly deployed against terrorists in difficult terrain, has been impeded; and

(c) what immediate steps are being adopted so that security of our nation and safety of our fighting soldiers is not compromised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) While about 57% of the amount of Rs. 3740.71 crores allocated for Modernisation of six para military forces during the period 2002 to 2007 could be incurred, but with the amounts already spent for modernization, Central Para-Military Forces (CPMFs) have been able to procure substantial quantity of sophisticated weaponry, communication/surveillance equipment and bullet proof vehicles which are being used extensively by the CPMFs during various operations with good effect.

It has been a constant endeavor on the part of the Government to equip the forces with modern weaponry/equipments etc. In order to ensure speedy/full utilization of earmarked funds, the Government has taken various steps to expedite procurement process such as setting up of expert groups for formulation of qualitative requirements, initiating process for procuring items not available on DGS&D rate contracts through open tender, etc.

Prosecution of police personnel for custodial deaths

1145. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of police personnel undergoing jail sentence for being responsible for custodial deaths and/or for committing other criminal offences while on duty, State-wise;

(b) the number of such cases pending prosecutions, State-wise; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) As ner statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, a statement indicating the number of police personnel convicted for custodial deaths and other criminal offences and the number of such cases pending prosecution State-wise during the years 2004 and 2005 is given in the Statements.